

Please allow XM radio to continue it's valuable new service "Instant Traffic and Weather". The FCC should reject the National Association of Broadcaster's petition 04-160.

Points to consider:

(1) When out of town in an unfamiliar region, or in-transit from one area to another (i.e. out of radio range of the destination), it can be incredibly useful for travelers to be able to obtain advanced information regarding the destination. Example: Approaching Chicago from Detroit: Are any freeways shut down? Is severe weather brewing?

(2) Less distracted driving and frustration in trying to find a station with traffic/weather updates for an area (including my own, sometimes).

(3) Timeliness: Some of my local stations pre-empt or cease to provide news/traffic updates during sporting event broadcasts or other events. I can always rely on XM to consistently provide the detail when I need it.

(4) I'm paying for it: XM Radio is not a free service, so it does not compete head-to-head with traditional broadcast radio. It does not "take away" their audience since it does not restrict access to their broadcasts. I expect innovative services for my payment.

(5) Choice: Consumers should have a choice. This also provides some incentive for traditional radio to improve their service to the community.

Thank you,
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